

# **Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee**

## **APPROVED MEETING MINUTES - Summary Version**

**June 21, 2001**

**Meeting Time: 9 AM – 1 PM**

### **Meeting Location:**

**Metering Building, Second Floor Conference Room  
SPU Operations Control Center  
2700 Airport Way South  
Seattle, WA**

**Members Present:** Bruce Bachen (SPU), Frank Urabeck (NWMTA), Tom Sibley (NMFS), Gwill Ging (USFWS), Ron Warren, Steve Foley (WDFW), Sam Wright (Washington Trout), Scott Brewer (King County), Dave Paden (Puget Sound Anglers), Bill Robinson (Trout Unlimited), Tim Romanski (USFWS)

**Other Participants:** Bill Wells, Cyndy Holtz, Paul Faulds (SPU)

- I. Call to order** – Bruce called the meeting to order at 9:10. He introduced Paul Faulds, recently hired at SPU to assist in HCP implementation, and Tim Romanski, USFWS, who will be representing his agency as both a Party representative and a member of the AFC.
- II. Approval of agenda** – Bruce added discussion of sockeye fishery to Item IX. The agenda was approved with this addition.
- III. Minutes review and approval for May 17, 2001 meeting** – Tom noted that his name needed to be added to the "Members Present" list and stated that NMFS' position on the fish passage facilities will be conveyed in their review of the Biological Evaluation. Steve Foley stated that the origin of the adipose fin-clipped steelhead observed at the locks was uncertain.
- IV. Landsburg Fish Passage project – Bill Wells, Project manager** – *SPU staff reported on the progress of the fish passage project. A meeting was conducted with the Parties to the Landsburg Mitigation agreement (US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife) to discuss Parties' approval of the concepts associated with the Landsburg Fish Passage facilities as described in the Basis of Design Report and in a memorandum from Bill Wells. The Parties agreed that a letter of understanding should be drafted explaining the conditions of their approving the report; the Parties would then review and sign the letter. Staff also reported on progress of the design, and input provided by King County staff during a meeting conducted at Landsburg on June 1<sup>st</sup>, at which there was discussion about*

*minimizing tree removal, and bank treatments to minimize impacts. Another meeting was held with the consultant who will be designing the rock weir structures, the agency engineers and some staff from King County. There will be a follow-up meeting on July 17 at which the consultant will be providing more detail of the design. SPU is planning to submit shoreline and building permit applications by August 1, 2001.*

- V. Interim mitigation for coho, chinook and steelhead** – *The three-month period established by the AFC to receive supplementation proposals from the co-managers will expire in July. Ron Warren stated that WDFW will be submitting a supplementation proposal for chinook by the deadline. No one from the Muckleshoot Tribe was able to attend the meeting, so it is unclear whether the proposal will be made jointly by the co-managers or will be made independently.*
- VI. Cedar River Sockeye Hatchery program** - *Bruce Bachen reported on the May Design Team Briefing. The meeting provide the opportunity for the TetraTech/KCM Design team to hear various perspectives on the hatchery and to hear the Science Panel present their findings (The Cedar River Sockeye Salmon Hatchery Plan). AFC members were asked to submit comments on the report by July 6<sup>th</sup>. John McGlenn, the consulting project manager from Tetra Tech/KCM, reported on design start-up progress and activities. The design team is focussing on developing schedules and approaches to the programmatic tasks, including biological criteria, operating protocols and the adaptive management plan. Efforts have also begun on the EIS process approach. Bruce reported on a briefing conducted by Kurt Fresh, WDFW, at which Kurt presented an analysis of otolith data collected. The AFC agreed to request that Kurt meet with them and the design team to present and discuss the otolith data and analysis. Ed Zapel of Northwest Hydraulic Consultants presented his report on the broodstock collection alternatives (Cedar River Sockeye Broodstock Fish Collection Facility Evaluation and Recommendations - 90% Submittal). He explained five alternative weir designs, all of which are explained in detail in the report. AFC members' comments are due to Bruce Bachen by July 13.*
- VII. Public comment (scheduled for 11:30)** - *No public comment was received.*
- VIII. Interim hatchery results from 2000 and plans for 2001** – *The chinook redd survey report for 2000 (Burton, Foley and Mavros) was distributed to the AFC members prior to the meeting. A report on the effectiveness of last year's protocols is expected at the July AFC meeting. Plans for broodstock collection for the upcoming season were reviewed. Bruce Bachen distributed last year's weir operating protocols and asked for comments at the July meeting. The protocol includes an egg take plan that needs to be reviewed for 2001. WDFW has submitted the necessary County permit applications for the weir operation for 2001 and these are being reviewed by King County. A rearing plan proposal is being developed for consideration at the July AFC meeting. WDFW will report back to the AFC on development of an adult recovery/sampling plan.*

**IX. Information/discussion – Sockeye run report**

Steve reported on the sockeye run, which was at 21,000 on June 18 (began on June 12). Last year at same time there were 22,000. Sockeye counts can be found on WDFW's web page, which are updated every 2-3 days. It is still too early to predict what the final count will be. The average for the data set for when half the fish are in is the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of July. For July 8<sup>th</sup>, the averages range from 20% to 80% of run that having come in. So a shift of a few days can make a significant difference from season to season in the inseason run estimate.

He also reported that only about 48 steelhead spawned in the Cedar River this year.

**X. Plan next agenda for meeting scheduled for July 19, 2001**

**XI. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.**